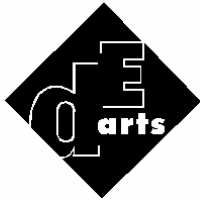


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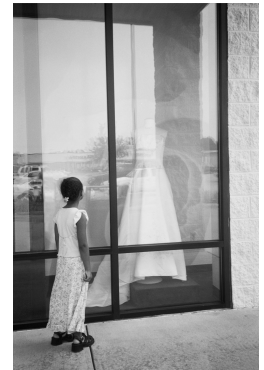
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## News Release

### **MEZZANINE GALLERY—*PHOTOGRAPHS BY BILLIE TRAVALINI***

(Wilmington, Delaware—February 17, 2006)—Billie Travalini will be exhibiting her photographs in the Delaware Division of the Arts Mezzanine Gallery in the Carvel State Office Building, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington, from March 1–31, 2006. The artist will host an opening reception on Friday, March 3 from 5–8 p.m. during Wilmington's Art Loop.



*Wedding Dreams*

Travalini is a poet and storyteller who views the world as a place of infinite possibilities for remembrance or personal revelation. She uses photography in its simplest form and records what she sees. In describing her technique, Travalini says, “in some ways each photograph...is a rebellion against post-modernists who, in the photography world, seem to imply that with the ‘right’ technology almost any photograph can be made ‘better’ through a series of steps that add to or take away from the original image until the original image is lost and something new and ‘improved’ replaces it...I believe that everyday life has a reality that needs very little editing and, can, with a quiet eye and a few basic tools tell its own beautiful story.”

Brandywine Park and the city of Wilmington are some of Travalini's favorite subjects. She is also interested in the spirit of childhood innocence and special moments that evoke a sense of community.

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In addition to exhibiting her photography in the area, her photograph, *Wedding Dreams*, has been chosen for the cover of a book of essays by women writers. She is also a writer, and her literary non-fiction book, *Bloodsisters*, was a finalist for the Bakeless Literary Publication Prize and the James Jones Fellowship and won the Lewis-Clard Award. She teaches at Lincoln University and Wilmington College and is director of the Delaware Literary Connections.

The Mezzanine Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Delaware Division of the Arts (DDOA) is an agency of the State of Delaware. Together with its advisory body, the Delaware State Arts Council, DDOA administers grants and programs that support arts programming, educate the public, increase awareness of the arts, and integrate the arts into all facets of Delaware life. Funding for DDOA programs is provided by annual appropriations from the Delaware General Assembly and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.